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## **New Town Man Sentenced to Serve Over 19 Years on Sexual Abuse Convictions**

**BISMARCK** - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced today that **Shondo Billie**, 23, of New Town, North Dakota, was sentenced on December 12, 2005, before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on one count of sexual abuse of a minor and four counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

For the count of sexual abuse of a minor, Judge Hovland sentenced **Billie** to 15 years in Federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. For each count of aggravated sexual abuse, Judge Hovland sentenced **Billie** to 19 years and two months in Federal prison to be followed by five years of supervised release. The sentences will run concurrently. **Billie** was ordered to pay a \$500 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund. **Billie** was further ordered to register as a sexual offender and to submit a sample to the DNA database.

The offenses occurred between August 2000 and December 2001 on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. **Billie** was found to have engaged in sexual acts with a child who was 11-12 years of age at the time of the acts.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Red River Children's Advocacy Center.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rick Volk.

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